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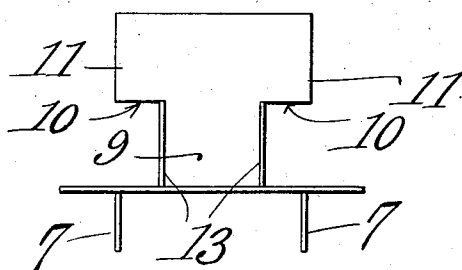


Fig. 2.

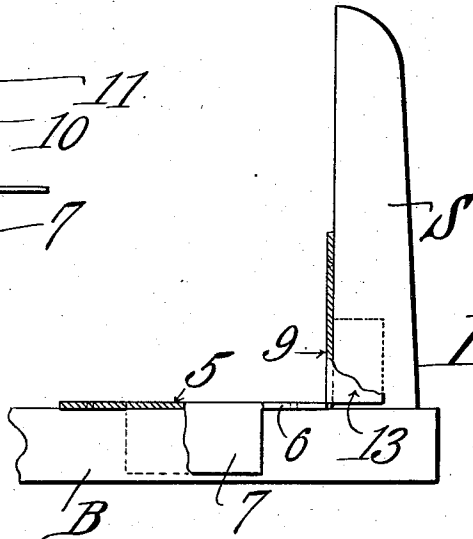


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WEAR ATTACHMENT FOR WAGONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. GERELDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tecumseh, in the county of Pottawatomie and State of Oklahoma, have invented a new and useful Wear Attachment for Wagons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wear attachments for wagons applicable to the corner of a wagon box to embrace the bolster and stake.

In various wagon constructions, the bolsters vary somewhat in width, as well as the stakes secured to the ends of the bolster, and for this reason it would ordinarily require a variety of attachments of this character for the various demands, and further, it would necessitate having the dimensions of the bolster and stake in purchasing such devices which would be inconvenient and troublesome in many instances.

With the above and other disadvantages in view, it is the object of the present invention to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character which may be sold or furnished in a condition to be applicable to various wagons to accommodate the particular bolster and stake of the wagon, and which may be readily applied without the necessity of special tools or by any person of ordinary ability, and which will also serve its purpose in an efficient manner.

To this end, the present invention resides in a novel construction as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein similar reference characters indicate similar parts, and wherein,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is an end elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partly in section, showing the device applied to the bolster and stake of a wagon.

Referring in detail to the drawing, this attachment comprises a rectangular plate 5 of suitable sheet metal having apertures 8 in the corners thereof, for securing the plate to the bottom of the wagon box and having a pair of slits 6 in each side thereof, and having a right angular extension 9 at one end thereof, the said extension having a slit 10 in each side thereof and having apertures 12 in the upper corners 11 thereof for securing the extension to the side of the wagon box. The device is also provided with slits extend-

ing inwardly from the ends of the junction between the plate and the extension. These devices are preferably furnished with the portions 7 between the slits of the plate 5 flush with the other portions of the plate, and the portions 10 between the slits in the sides of the extremity 9 and the slits at the junction of the device flush with the other portions of the extension. The device in being furnished in such a condition may be readily applied to the corner of the wagon box and the portions 7 and 10 may be bent in any suitable manner to accommodate and embrace the particular bolster B and stake S secured to the end of the bolster. The plate 5 may then be secured to the bottom of the wagon box by means of screws or other securing means passed through the apertures 8 and the extension 9 may be secured to the side of the wagon box by screws or the like passed through the apertures 12. When the device has thus been applied to the wagon it will be seen that the wagon box will be held against longitudinal movement relative to the bolster and stake in an efficient manner, and the device will therefore prevent the wear accruing from such motion as present in ordinary wagons. It is also convenient by reason of the provision of apertures 8 and 12, as described, to disengage the screws or other securing means and shift the attachment as may be desired or necessary without interfering with the portions 7 and 10 engaging the bolster and stake. It will therefore appear that this device may be furnished in a condition to be readily applicable to various wagons to accommodate the particular bolster and stake in a convenient and efficient manner, and this device is further characterized by its extreme simplicity and cheapness in construction.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

A wear attachment for wagons adapted to accommodate various bolsters and stakes, comprising a plate of sheet metal having apertures in the corners thereof for securing the plate to the bottom of the wagon box and having a pair of slits in each side, the portions between the slits being bent downward to accommodate and embrace the bolster, the said plate having a right angular extension at one end, the said extension having a slit in each end thereof and apertured in its upper corners for securing the extension

sion to the side of the wagon box, the junction of the extension and the plate being slit inwardly from the ends thereof and the portions of the extension between the slits in its sides and the latter slits being bent outwardly to accommodate and embrace the stake.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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